



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **McDonough**

Serial No.: **09/539,132**

Filed: **March 30, 2000**

For: **Mechanism and Business Method  
for Implementing a Service Contract  
Futures Exchange**

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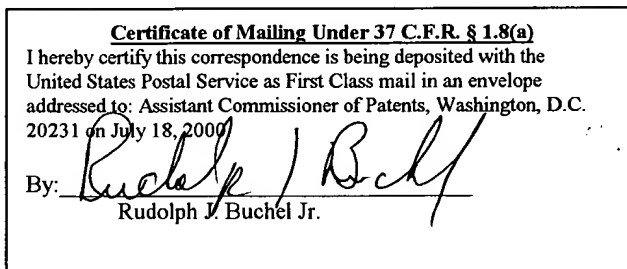
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

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